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SUBJECT: ROKG INVESTIGATION FINDS ROK COMPANIES DID NOT
FACILITATE TAIWANESE MACHINE TOOL SALES TO NORTH KOREA

REF: A. SECSTATE 100243

[1](#)B. SEOUL 2179

Classified By: POL M/C Joseph Y. Yun, Reasons 1.4 (b,d).

[1](#)1. (S) On August 21, Deputy Director of the Disarmament and Nonproliferation Division of the ROK Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade Kim Jae-woo told poloff that the ROKG had completed its investigation of the six ROK trading companies listed in reftel A nonpaper that allegedly facilitated sales of machine tools from Taiwan's Supertech Company to North Korea. Kim said that the investigation found no indication that any of the six companies had imported machine tools from Supertech or exported machine tools to North Korea in the last twelve months. Kim added that if there was any additional information about the ROK companies, including the names of the companies or owners in Korean (or the Chinese characters for the names), the ROKG would be able to investigate further.

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